Sec. 2. Any person appointed to fill a vacancy occurring in any district seat on the board shall be a resident of the district. If any member elected to a district seat ceases to reside in the district during his term of office, the remaining members of the board may declare the office vacant and proceed to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 3. Except as modified by this act, Article 5 of Chapter 115 of the General Statutes shall govern the election of the Polk County Board of

Education.

Sec. 4. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of February, 1974.

H. B. 1378 CHAPTER 846

AN ACT TO ALLOW THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MAXTON CITY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT TO RESIDE IN A COUNTY OTHER THAN ROBESON.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The Superintendent of the Maxton City Schools may reside in a county other than Robeson so long as the Superintendent shall reside in North Carolina.

Sec. 2. G.S. 115-54, as it conflicts with this act, is hereby repealed as it applies to the Maxton City School Administrative Unit.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 11th day of February, 1974.

H. B. 1400 CHAPTER 847

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 350 OF THE SESSION LAWS OF 1963 TO PROVIDE STAGGERED TERMS OF FOUR YEARS FOR MEMBERS OF THE HERTFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

 $The\ General\ Assembly\ of\ North\ Carolina\ enacts:$

Section 1. Chapter 350, Session Laws of 1963, is hereby amended by rewriting Section 4 to read:

"Sec. 4. The nominees from each district shall be voted upon in the general election by all of the qualified voters of Hertford County. In the general election to be held in 1974, the candidate from District One receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years and the candidate from District One receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, as their terms expire, their successors shall be elected for terms of four years.

In the general election to be held in 1976, the candidate from District Two and from District Three receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of four years. The candidate from District Two receiving the next highest number of votes shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, as their terms expire, their successors shall be elected for terms of four years each."

Sec. 2. This act shall be effective upon ratification.